

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

**U.S.A. vs. Eric Terrell Bland**

**Docket No. 7:05-CR-122-1FL**

**Petition for Action on Supervised Release**

COMES NOW Erik J. Graf, U.S. Probation Officer of the court, presenting a petition for modification of the Judgment and Commitment Order of Eric Terrell Bland, who, upon an earlier plea of guilty to Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(e)(1), was sentenced by the Honorable Louise W. Flanagan, U.S. District Judge, on April 16, 2007, to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of 142 months. It was further ordered that upon release from imprisonment the defendant be placed on supervised release for a period of 60 months.

Eric Terrell Bland was released from custody on January 17, 2017, at which time the term of supervised release commenced.

On May 16, 2017, the court ordered the offender be placed in the DROPS program as a result of a positive urine screen and admission of using marijuana.

On August 24, 2017, the court ordered the offender submit to a psycho-sexual evaluation in response to a 1995 conviction for Crimes Against Nature.

On December 21, 2017, Bland served a 2-day DROPS sanction as a result of a positive urinalysis result for marijuana.

On January 9, 2018, Bland served a 5-day DROPS sanction as a result of a positive urinalysis result for marijuana.

**RESPECTFULLY PRESENTING PETITION FOR ACTION OF COURT FOR CAUSE AS FOLLOWS:**

Urinalysis tests conducted on Bland on July 19, and August 24, 2018, revealed invalid results due to dilution. Bland was confronted about these results and instructed to report immediately for a follow-up test. On August 30, 2018, Bland submitted to a urinalysis which resulted in a positive reading for marijuana. The offender was confronted with the results and denied use.

Bland was advised the probation office believed the results were accurate and told that, in consultation with his treatment provider, would be increasing monthly urinalysis testing and require mandatory participation in relapse prevention group substance abuse treatment to augment the individual treatment in which he was already participating. Additionally, the probation office wanted to place Bland on location monitoring with a curfew for 60 days, in lieu of a 10-day DROPS sanction which would jeopardize his employment. In response, Bland agreed to these conditions and signed a Waiver of Hearing agreeing to the proposed modification of supervision.

Bland lost his residence as a result of flooding and mold induced by the effects of Hurricane Florence in mid-September 2018. Bland is currently homeless and residing in FEMA sponsored hotels and with friends while seeking permanent housing. While it is the policy of the probation office to install location monitoring within 10 days of being ordered by the court, it is recommended this policy be waived in this instance and that the offender's location monitoring term begin immediately upon securing a permanent residence that is approved by his supervising probation officer.

**PRAYING THAT THE COURT WILL ORDER** that supervised release be modified as follows:

1. The defendant shall adhere to a curfew as directed by the probation officer for a period not to exceed 60 consecutive days. The defendant is restricted to his residence during the curfew hours. The defendant shall submit to the following Location Monitoring: Radio Frequency monitoring and abide by all program requirements, instructions and procedures provided by the supervising officer.

Except as herein modified, the judgment shall remain in full force and effect.

Reviewed and approved,

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing  
is true and correct.

/s/ Robert L. Thornton  
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**ORDER OF THE COURT**

Considered and ordered this 5th day of October, 2018, and ordered filed and made a part of the records in the above case.

  
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Louise W. Flanagan  
U.S. District Judge